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PUC TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ATMOS GAS RATE INCREASE

DENVER – The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will take public comment at hearings in Greeley and Canon City on a proposal by Atmos Energy to increase natural gas base rates by \$4.8 million.

The Greeley hearing will be held at the Farr Regional Library, Library Meeting Room, 1939 61st Avenue on Thursday, June 19. The Cañon City hearing will be held at the Pueblo Community College, Room A-105, 51320 West Highway 50 Cañon City on Tuesday, July 1. Both hearings will start at 4 p.m. and conclude no later than 6:30 p.m.

The Atmos proposal would increase average monthly bills for residential customers by 7.2 percent in the company's Northeast region; 5.4 percent in the Northwest/Central region; 7.7 percent in the Southeast region; and 7.6 percent in the Southwest region. Average monthly bills for commercial customers would go up by 0.1 percent in the Northeast region and 1.0 percent in the Southeast region, while bills for commercial customers in the Northwest/Central region and the Southwest region would remain the same or decrease slightly.

The PUC granted Atmos a \$1.3 million increase in annual base rate revenues effective March 1, 2014, based on expenses for a test year ending December 31, 2012. In its new rate request, the company stated it has invested more than \$14 million in its natural gas delivery system since that period.

Atmos provides natural gas service to more than 110,000 customers in 64 communities and 16 counties within Colorado, including the larger towns of Canon City, Cortez, Crested Butte, Durango, Greeley, Lamar and Steamboat Springs.

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Those unable to attend the public hearings may submit written comments on the proposal. Comments should be sent to the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202, or electronically via the PUC website. Comments should be addressed to Docket No. 14AL-0300G.

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